

CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-57

INTRODUCED BY:

Councilor Chris Rivera

Councilor Renee Villarreal

A RESOLUTION

**CONVENING THE INDEPENDENT CITIZENS' REDISTRICTING COMMISSION AND
CALLING FOR THE REDISTRICTING OF THE FOUR CITY OF SANTA FE COUNCIL
DISTRICTS PRIOR TO THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 7, 2023, BASED
ON THE RESULTS FROM THE 2020 UNITED STATES CENSUS.**

WHEREAS, in March 2014, the electorate of the City of Santa Fe approved an amendment to the City's Charter to create an Independent Citizens' Redistricting Commission ("Commission"), Section 6.03; and

WHEREAS, Section 6.03 to the City's Charter required the Governing Body, by ordinance, to establish a procedure for the appointment and deliberations of the commission; and

WHEREAS, the City's Governing Body adopted Section 6-18, SFCC 1987, which established a procedure for the appointment and deliberations of the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Commission last convened in 2015 to provide updated redistricting for the 2016 municipal election, incorporating the 2014 City annexation of 4100 acres and 13,250 new residents; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the 2020 decennial census shows a total population growth of 19,558
2 residents since the 2010 census, for a total population of 87,505 within the municipal boundaries
3 of Santa Fe; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the Commission shall establish a districting plan pursuant to Section 6-
5 18.3(B) SFCC 1987 either:

6 (1) Within one (1) year of receipt by the city of the final federal decennial
7 census information for use commencing with the next scheduled general municipal election
8 occurring at least three (3) months after adoption of the final districting plan; or

9 (2) When the governing body adopts a resolution expressing the need for
10 convening a commission to establish a districting plan; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the City has both received the census information and there is a need to
12 convene the commission to equalize the populations of the four Council Districts before the 2023
13 election through the process of redistricting; and

14 **WHEREAS**, On August 1, 2021, the Census Bureau released census data to the states and
15 the public and the Governing Body desires to convene a Commission as soon as possible to ensure
16 the redistricting is complete with sufficient time prior to the 2023 municipal election; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Section 6-18.5(C) describes the process for the City Clerk to determine a
18 reasonable application period, provide a “ministerial” review of the applications, verify the
19 minimum number of applications have been reviewed, and schedule a drawing of members’
20 alternates by lot.

21 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
22 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that the Independent Citizens’ Redistricting Commission shall be convened
23 to update the four city councilor districts, based on the population results of the 2020 Federal
24 Decennial Census.

25 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Clerk shall initiate the process for soliciting

1 applications for, and selecting the members of, the Commission, pursuant to SFCC 1987, Section
2 6-18.5(C).

3 PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 27th day of October, 2021.

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7 ALAN WEBBER, MAYOR

8 ATTEST:

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11 KRISTINE MIHELIC, CITY CLERK

12 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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15 ERIN K. McSHERRY, CITY ATTORNEY

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25 *Legislation/2021/Resolutions/2021-57 Redistricting Commission*

FISCAL IMPACT REPORT**General Information:**(Check) Bill: _____ Resolution: X Short Title(s): Redistricting CommissionSponsor(s): Councilor RiveraReviewing Department(s): City Clerk's Office, City Attorney's Office.Staff Completing FIR: Kristine Mihelcic Date: 9/29/21 Phone: 955-6846Reviewed by City Attorney:  Date: Oct 7, 2021Reviewed by Finance Director:  Date: Oct 8, 2021**Summary:**

The proposed Resolution convenes the Redistricting Commission in one of the methods established in Section 6-18.3(B). The Independent Citizens' Redistricting Commission establishes a districting plan for the City of Santa Fe. The publication of the 2020 Census data occurred on September 16, 2021, which is the other method for convening the Commission, requiring the Commission to establish a districting plan within one year of receipt of the decennial census data. Although this Resolution is not required for the Commission to convene, it provides additional public notice about the timeline and process that may impact the Council District in which some residents currently reside.

Departments Affected:City Clerk's Office and City Attorney's Office.**Consequences of Not Enacting Legislation:**

The Independent Citizens' Redistricting Commission would have less opportunity for public awareness. It would be convened as a result of the City's receipt of the 2020 federal decennial census results.

Conflict, Duplication, Companionship, or Relationship to Other Legislation:None identified.**Performance and Administrative Implications:**

According to the City's Code, the City Clerk shall receive all applications received during a reasonable period and provide a ministerial review of the applications for completeness. The Clerk shall also set the date, time, and place for the drawing of lots to determine the members and alternates of the Commission.

Fiscal Implications:

There are no fiscal implications associated with this Resolution. With or without this Resolution, the City is required to convene the Commission for the purposes of determining if redistricting is necessary and, if so, how the districts will be adjusted to equalize the populations of the four Council Districts. The City Clerk's Office included \$200,000 in its FYE22 budget for this purpose.

Fiscal Impact X Check here if no fiscal impact

Expenditures

Expenditure Type	FYE __	FYE __	FYE __	Require BAR (Y/N)	Recurring (R) or Non-recurring (NR)	Fund	3-Year Total Cost
<u>Personnel and</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____	_____	_____	
<u>Benefits*</u>							
<u>Capital Outlay</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____	_____	_____	
<u>Contractual/</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____		_____	_____	
<u>Professional Services</u>							
<u>Operating</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____		_____	_____	\$ _____
<u>Total:</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____				\$ _____

* This includes all staff time associated with executing the job functions of the proposed legislation.

Expenditure Narrative:

Revenue

Revenue Type	FYE __	FYE __	FYE __	Recurring (R) or Non-recurring (NR)	Fund
General Fund	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____	_____
Special Revenue	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____	_____
CIP	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____	_____
Enterprise	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____	_____
Internal Service	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____	_____
Trust and Agency	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____	_____
Federal	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____	
Other	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____	_____
Total	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____		

Revenue Narrative:

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